

END YOUR SILENCE

We, the undersigned, painters and sculptors, writers and editors, musicians and theater artists of the United States, feel we must protest the power being exercised in our names and those of all the American people. We can not remain silent about a foreign policy grown more nakedly inhuman with each passing day.

A decade ago, when the people of Vietnam were fighting French colonialism, the artists and intellectuals of France—from Sartre to Mauriac, from Picasso to Camus—called on the French people's conscience to protest their leaders' policy as immoral and to demand an end to that dirty war—"la sale guerre." Today, we in our own country can do no less.

Our President must be made aware that his words of "peace" will not be heard above the din of the bombs falling on Vietnam; that his concern for "freedom" in South Vietnam is mocked by eleven years' maintenance there of brutal police régimes assisted by American money, American guns, and finally . . . American blood.

Our President must be told that our actions in the Dominican Republic are nothing less than armed intervention in a civil war of another nation. Our leaders must be reminded that in **VIETNAM** and the **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** they are violating international law, the charter of the UN, and, indeed, the spirit of our own constitution.

They must learn that their plans for United States hegemony . . . for a "Pax Americana" . . . must lead not to peace but to death and destruction. They must accept the fact that they have no more right in Vietnam than did the French colonialists before them; further, that their intrusion in Latin America is justifiably interpreted, both abroad and here at home, as aggression.

American artists wish once more to have faith in the United States of America. We will not remain silent in the face of our country's shame. We call on all citizens of our nation to join with us:

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